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On his second visit to Woodstock, March 18, Bishop Diaz spoke of his interview with President Calles, arranged by a Conservative Freemason. Radical Masons wish to destroy the Church, but the conservative Masons seek its preservation as the only adequate check to dangerous Communism. The Bishop got Calles to hold up the order for the punishment of some priests until they had a chance to prove the injustice of the charge that they had stirred up an insurrection. To the charge that the Bishops were seeking the help of the United States, Bishop Diaz cited a document, in which some Mexicans arranged for pressure on the embassies of the United States, Brazil, Chile, etc., which the Bishops had vociferously rejected. When Calles stormed about Papal "interference" in Mexican laws, the Bishop showed him that these Mexican "laws" could not square with the right idea of laws conformed to the Divine Law. When the Bishop went to the heart of the trouble, the forbidding of priests to exercise their ministry without subjecting themselves to civil and even municipal jurisdiction, Calles took him by the arm, saying: "There are two ways to settle that matter; either follow the law, or take up arms. We are ready for you." Bishop Diaz had previously disclaimed any idea as citizen or as prelate to resort to arms, judging them not a solution of the Mexican troubles. He left Woodstock next day and is now in Rome. His latest statement is: "If the Mexican Bishops had consented to declare their independence from the Pope they would have obtained everything they wanted. Instead, their firm, unwavering loyalty to the Pontiff and the same attitude on the part of the clergy and faithful generally, defeated the government plan."

Not being able to get anything on the Bishops and Priests, the Calles factory gets busy and charges the former with plotting against the government and inciting the people to take up arms for its overthrow, the latter with actually leading the rebels. He even loads the Associated Press with a gruesome tale of the butchery and incendiary of one hundred victims on a train in Jalisco by a band of outlaws "led by four murderous priests." The story is incoherent and contradictory in itself. The four recently deported Bishops (two of them Archbishops) have sent out an Associated Press dispatch from Laredo, Texas, on April 23. "The Mexican government charges us with plotting against it and inciting the people to take up arms and overthrow President Calles. We have nothing to do with a revolution. Our world is moral, not political. We are not responsible for nor have we any connection with the troubles in Mexico." They also denied the charges that the Mexican Episcopate was responsible for the robbing and burning of a passenger train on April 19, which caused the death of many persons. They also denied the statement that

they "left Mexico"—they were "expelled."

Calles has been getting ready for some time to enrich the country or himself and his friends. Not long ago he ordered that all church treasures be taken over and placed in the hands of the Secretary of Finance for "safe keeping." One estimate of these treasures which it is proposed to seize is two hundred million pesos. Paintings, sacred vessels, reliquaries and ornaments are included.

Now that he has dragged the country into dire financial distress he has issued a decree conferring on Montes de Oca, Secretary of the Treasury, the power of financial dictator with absolute and despotic power over all government revenue and the sale or rent of all nationalized property. Senor de Oca has absolute authority over the collection of every penny of government revenue, and from his decision there is no appeal; he is to promise payment of all foreign debt payments but will postpone all domestic debt payments and through the Mexican banks is to provide for future payment. At this juncture the following Associated Press dispatch is signicative: "Chicago, April 24. The most palatial train ever built by the Pullman Company today was turned over to Arturo Elias for delivery to President Calles, of Mexico. The five-car train, designed in architecture of old Mexico, cost $375.000, and will be christened on its three thousand mile maiden trip to Mexico City."

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

Lectures—Rev. Father Gleeson very kindly went out of his way to entertain us for an hour with his illustrated lecture on Rome. This talk was a fitting sequel to the delightful lecture Father had given us some weeks before. Both discourses treated of the recent celebration held in Rome in honor of St. Aloysius.

Of a religious theme also was Fr. Bassett's illustrated lecture on the Passion Play of Ober Ammergau. This talk was given on the evening of Rev. Father Rector's Feast Day. Just a week before Fr. Bassett gave the same lecture to the pupils of the Sisters' School at Saratoga. The lecture was very timely, coming as it did, on the Tuesday of Holy Week. Although it lasted an hour and a half, Father never lost the interest of anyone for a minute. The colored slides were beautiful.

Golden Jubilee—Golden poppies in profusion, golden vigil lights, and numerous golden flaming candles beautified the altar in our domestic chapel on April 6th. A throne of purple and gold was in the sanctuary. Still, this was the Wednesday of Passion Week. What could it all mean? The Novitiate was honoring in its humble way, the Golden Jubilee of Father Sasia's priesthood. For eight days previously Father had been making his retreat amongst us and finally the longed-for day arrived. Father Sasia celebrated solemn high Mass in the presence of His Grace, Archbishop Hanna. Fr. Dunne, S. J., acted as deacon, Fr. Bassett, S. J., as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Rector and Father McCoy were assistant priests. His Grace preached a noble panegyric and emphasized the responsibility and dignity of the priesthood of which Father Sasia had been a shining example for fifty long years. His Grace began by reading two congratulatory telegrams sent to the Jubilarian from the Holy Father and from Very Rev. Fr. General. A number of priests were in the chapel in cassock and surprice.

In the afternoon the Novices and Juniors put on a modest little entertainment of Jubilee numbers. The program abounded in "Fifties." It opened with "Fifty Bars of Music," a violin solo. Then an original poem, "Fifty Years of Masses," by J. F. Magner,S. J. The performance ended with, "Fifty Happy, Stirring Notes," on the violin. There were besides these numbers, two orations on Father Sasia, "The Writer," and "The Orator." The day closed with Solemn Benediction, at which the venerable Jubilarian officiated.

Change—After twenty years of edifying service in this house, Fr. Meyer has been changed to College Park. We lose in Father a model of religious life. But our loss is College Park's gain. He has there taken up the responsibilities of Spiritual Father to the community and Confessor to the boys.

Building—On the first of April, Holy Mass was offered up for the first time on the new novitiate wing. The day before saw the removal of one-third of the novices into their new quarters. By the evening of the

fifth, the last novice was snugly settled in his new lodgings and the old Novitiate was entirely forsaken. A brief description of the new building may not be out of place here. It is an oblong structure 152x36 feet, of reinforced concrete and entirely fireproof. The coloring of the outside is whitish-gray, offset by the golden color of the window frames.

A large gilt cross surmounts the whole. The cross rests in the front of the building on the angle formed by the pediment. The pediment itself contains an artistically wrought basrelief. In the center the Jesuits' usual I. H. S. is inscribed on a plain oval surface resembling a shield. From this center flow forth the various artistic designs. The first floor consists of two large halls, each half the length of the building. They are separated from the main halls. The back room is the novices' recreation place. One corner of it contains the book bindery and the bead shop. The other hall is the exhortation room. At present one section of this hall is being used as a chapel. Mass is said there every morning. It is such a long journey to the main chapel that the only advisable plan is to have the novitiate exercises separate. The showers are located on the first floor. There are five now and six more will be added. All that we can say of the second, third and fourth floors is that they consist of Novice's rooms. There are six of these big rooms or dormitories on each floor. In each rooms there are four or six compartments 8x11 feet. In each of these alcoves there is a bed, a wardrobe, closet, small cabinet and a desk. The desk is separated from the rest of the room by a sliding curtain. Every novice has a large window. The rooms are finished in gray and cream and are exceptionally lightsome and airy. At present Father Master and Father Socius each occupy one of these rooms. The halls are bright and cheerful, painted in a cream and reddish brown. The woodwork in the halls as well as in the rooms is grey. There are two exits from the building, one by the main hall and staircase in the center, and the other by the rear stairs. The stairs, landings, floors of the showers and lavatories are all done in terrazza. Some necessary conveniences are also had. A telephone in Father Master's room is connected with the Beadle's room, the sub-Beadle's and the senior man's on the fourth floor. There is a clothes chute and a dust chute. The new building can accommodate eighty-four novices.

No time is lost in starting the main building. The old wooden wing of the novices, affectionately termed the "refrigerator," was quickly destroyed. The old building as far as Father Provincial's room is being torn down. The Fathers' Library has been moved to the south end of the novices' old exhortation room. The Tertians' library has been moved to one of the old ascertories. While work is going on the Fathers use Fr. Provincial's room as a place of recreation.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Ministry—Father Prange gave the Lenten sermons at St. Patrick's, Hillyard. Father Menager gave a triduum at the Good Shepherd's, and Father Dinand one at Colton. For Holy Week and Easter, Father Benn went to help Father Armstrong at Yakima, Father Chianale to Ward, Father Kiely to Desmet, Father Dinand to Hillyard, Father Menager to St. Maries, Father Galtes to Harrison, and Father Prange gave the Tre Ore at St. Aloysius.

Holy Week—The services at the Mount were very solemn and the Gregorian Chant, so symbolic in its expression, was inspiring. The choral work was well rendered. Some of the harmonies, extremely difficult of execution, required much practice and precision. The Benedictus, with its sad melody, was beautiful. By the personal request of the Bishop our choir sang the Mass on Holy Thursday at the Cathedral.

Picnic—As the examination sheets were to be given out on April 26, the Third Year picnic was held on Thursday the 21st, to save a day for repetitions. The junction of the Spokane and Columbia rivers, a spot of enchanting natural beauty, was selected; all pronounced the event an eminent success.

Disputation—The spring Disputation came off very well on April 26. Mr. Corbett (Cal.) defended in Psychology against Mr. Glancey (Cal.) and Mr. McHugh (N. O.); Mr. Tiblier (N. O.) in Cosmology against Mr. Deslauriers (Can.) and Mr. Hanlon (Cal.); Mr. Rouleau (Cal.) in

Logic and Ontology against Mr. Mullen (N. O.) and Mr. Smith (Mo.). Mr. Brey (Mo.) assisted by Mr. Simoneau (Cal.) gave a lecture on "The Chemistry of Paper;" and Mr. Mullin (Mo.) read a paper on "Mechanism or Scholasticism."

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Church—The Lenten services were well attended. Exceptional services worthy of special notice were two; the "Three Hours," given by Fr. Joseph Stack, and the unusual number of communions at the early Masses on Easter Sunday. This great outpouring was noted at all the San Francisco churches where the Lenten fervor expressed itself especially in attendance at the "Three Hours" and the Easter Sunday Masses and Communions.

Tenebrae services at St. Ignatius are growing in favor but cannot be expected to draw the attention they deserve until the people understand them a little more. Perhaps when the course in religion in the schools becomes more complete a little time can be given to the services of the church with apprciative explanations.

Jubilee—Father Sasia will celebrate his golden jubilee of the priesthood at St. Ignatius on May 1. The reception at the Palace Hotel by the alumni will be had on May 2.

Library—The library is being catalogued by Fr. Gabriel, a painstaking labor that will fill a long felt need which has been neglected since the fire.

College Debate—A debate with Idaho—no decision—was greatly appreciated as was the debate with Montana. The latter was perhaps more interesting as a decision was given and this in favor of St. Ignatius. Both forensic affairs were held at the K. C. hall and were well attended.

Graduation — The College will close on May 23. Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 27. The senior class will make a retreat at El Retiro preparatory to graduation.

High School—The Gold Medal Debate was a great success. It was won by Fourth High as was the Elocution Medal.

Convalescent—Mr. Coffey has returned from the hospital and Mr. Rice has returned from Santa Clara, where he has been resting since his operation.

Annual—The appearance of the Annual will be somewhat delayed, as Mr. O'Neill announces, due to extensive additions. The printers demanded another week to complete their task.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Debating—On April 21st, the Philalethic Senate team defeated the debaters of the House of Philhistorians in the annual Ryland Debate. The question was: "Resolved, That the Senate of the United States has the right to refuse the Senatorial oath to such men as Colonel Frank Smith." The Senate upheld the negative.

Visitors—Jackie Coogan, famed throughout the world as the greatest child actor, visited the university in company with his mother and other well known actors on Sunday, April 17th.

Lectures—On April 5th, Congressman Arthur M. Free addressed the students on the subject, "The Inner Workings of Congress."

Father Gleeson gave an illustrated lecture on the Aloysian Pilgrimage to Rome, which took place last December.

On April 7th, Supervisor Frank R. Havenner of San Francisco, a well-known newspaper man, delivered an address on "Journalism and Public Service" before the Journalism class of the university. Besides the members of the class, several noted Jesuit educators and members of the Faculty were present.

Mr. William Van Dorn of the Fleischman Yeast Co., gave a lecture illustrated by motion pictures, on the importance of yeast as a food for the human body. The pictures showed interesting X-ray views of the human stomach in operation.

Jubilee Mass—On April 24th, Fr. Joseph Sasia celebrated his golden Jubilee as a priest. At 10:30 o'clock a Solemn High Mass was sung, with Father Sasia as celebrant, Father Raggio as deacon, and Father Bacigalupi as sub-deacon. Father John Cunningham gave the sermon, and also read many letters of congratulation received by Father Sasia. Among these was a message from His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, and a special letter from Very Rev. Wlodimir Ledechowski.

U. S. C. PREP.

Publications—Father Cody's book of poems, "God's Looking Glass," is just off the press, and has already given promise of wide circulation.

Debating—On April 21st, the Junior Dramatic Society met Palo Alto and Mountain View in a debate whose subject was "The Cancellation of the War Debt."

Spring Cleaning—The boys' refectory has recently been painted, and with its new trimmings, it has a fine appearance.

Lectures — Father Hubbard gave two lectures on the "Passion Play of Ober-ammergau," and one on Yellowstone National Park."

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

New Organ—St. Aloysius' Church is soon to have a pipe organ. The organ, which has thirty-nine stops and three manuals, is a new type, and represents the highest type of development attained in this country. It is a product of George Kilgen & Sons, of St. Louis. The organ has been voiced according to the acoustic demands of the church, by men who have an international reputation. In addition to the stops there are nineteen couplers, twelve combination pistons, four cancellors and five pedal movements. The organ will be installed the latter part of this month and will be ready for use during the month of May.

Address—At the recent Public School Teachers' Institute, Mr. McGoldrick, S. J., dean of education at Gonzaga, addressed the classical association of the T. E. T. A., which met in the Elizabethan room of the Davenport hotel. He read a well developed address on the "Value of Latin" from the standpoint of Philosophy of Education. His reading was well received.

Ministerial Work—Shortly before Holy Week, Father Coudeyre was called to Great Falls, Mont., to give a retreat to the nurses of the Sisters' Hospital. Two days after his return from Montana, he left for Lewiston, Idaho, where he preached on the Holy Eucharist, on Holy Thursday, and discoursed on the "Seven Last Words of Christ," at the Three Hours' Devotion, on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, he preached on the Resurrection of Our Savior.

Many of the Fathers went to neighboring towns to help out in Holy Week and on Easter Sunday: Fr. Eline, to Butte, Mont.; Fr. Weibel, to Sandpoint, Idaho; Fr. Sprague, to Yakima, Wash.; Fr. La Motta, to Rossland, B. C.; Fr. Joye, to Wilpoint (Spokane Indian Reservation); Fr. McCann, to LaCrosse, Wash.; Fr. Brogan, to Nelson, B. C., where he will give a retreat to the girls of the Academy, after Easter; Fr. Rebmann, to Colton, Wash.; the few Fathers who remained home had to multiply themselves to satisfy the demands for help that came from all parts of the city. As usual, the "stay-at-homes" did the trick without making any display.

Memorial—Plans for a memorial to the late Father Kennelly, former prefect of discipline at Gonzaga University, to take the form of a huge ornamental steel arch across Standard street at the entrance to the College grounds, took definite form at a meeting of Alumni officials and Rev. Fr. Rector. The arch will be supported by two granite pillars and surrounded by plots for planting hedges and flowers. The construction also will entail building of 300 yards of ornamental iron fence along Boone avenue and then south to the Standard street entrance to the stadium. All the "Old Boys" are enthusiastic over the plan for perpetuating the memory of Father Kennelly.

Concert—On Laetare Sunday, the Gonzaga University Music Department presented its third Annual Laetare Concert, in the Gonzaga auditorium. The Gonzaga orchestra was the main attraction of the delightful program, and under the direction of Gonzaga's time-honored music master, Prof. Walter Orion, they rendered five most difficult selections with the skill and execution of professionals.

Lectures—"The Love Story of the Mass," was the title of the lecture given by Father Reidy, at St. Aloysius hall recently. The lecture was illustrated by over 50 colored slides. The symbolical meaning of the mass vestments, all acts and prayers, and their connection with the life and passion of Christ, were beautifully depicted and clearly explained. Several musical numbers in keeping with the subject were rendered during the lecture by a group of talented musicians. Fr. Reidy has been

making a tour of the city lecturing in Parochial schools and churches, on the "Little Flower," the "Passion of Christ," "The Old and New Testaments," etc. His lectures are popular and bring the Sacred Subjects home to the minds and hearts of the people. He is assisted by Mr. Jung, who manipulates the lantern.

Welcome—Recently the combined student body of college and high school gathered in the University auditorium to give formal welcome to the new Bishop of Spokane. The reception hall had been tastily decorated for the occasion and the stage was decked in blue and white. The program rendered was brief, but impressive. The president of the Associated Student Body of Gonzaga, extended a welcome to the New Pastor of the Diocese and pledged the allegiance of the students of Gonzaga to his Lordship in the work he has just undertaken. The Bishop gave a spirited address on the real value of Catholic education. He pointed out the great present day need of lay apostles, and added that it was impossible to train these except in Catholic schools. He stated that it was a cause of great joy to him on his coming here, to find a flourishing Catholic college in the diocese of Spokane.

Annual—Gonzaga High School is at length assured of its Annual. Such was the long expected announcement made a few days ago by the Year Book management. The lateness of this decision was due to the presence of many difficulties, that were only disposed of by diligent work and co-operated effort of the Student Body and especially of the Annual staff.

Elocutionary—Fr. Coudeyre, principal of the high school, has posted several announcements which will be of interest to the speakers of the high school. The first one concerns the annual elocution contest for the Junior and Senior divisions, which will be held on April 29th. On May 13th, the Knights of the Howl will hold an open debate; and the class of '15 oratorical contest will be held on May 18th. On April 21st, the Knights of the Howl will open their forensic schedule with a debate in Missoula. The question is: "Resolved, That the Philippines should be granted independence before 1937." Gonzaga will uphold the negative side, Loyola High will sustain the affirmative.

Holy Cross, Alaska, Feb. 9, 1927.
Rev. Dear Father:—P. C.

Our boarding school is full to overflowing and our poor children come from almost all parts of Alaska; even the district judge sent a good many from Fairbanks, whose condition is worse than that of orphans, victims of unhappy marriages and careless parents. The judge told our Father in Fairbanks how pleased he is to see those neglected children at Holy Cross, where they have such a splendid opportunity to grow up truly good and virtuous, and to be duly prepared for the life and hardships of the future.

Every opportunity is afforded the children to make steady progress in piety and learning. The Apostleship of Prayer is vigorous, all the solemnities of the Church are carried out very exactly; we had the triduum of the centennial of St. Aloysius and St. Stanislaus, prayer for the persecuted Mexicans, the Unity Octave, prayer for the mission and vocations thereto. Our services and devotions are carried out with as much fervor and magnificence as in any of our parishes in the States; almost all the boarders daily communicants and quite a number from the nearby village.

No wonder, therefore, that from among our girls, besides three already consecrated to God in the religious life, a fourth lately entered the Novitiate of St. Ann in Victoria and a good number have desires to follow in their noble footsteps. Even among our boys, both large and small, quite a few are strongly attracted to be Coadjutor Brothers, and two small, very good boys want to become priests. Of course, we know too well the great fickleness of children, and of Indian children especially; but fact is gratifying, and the earnest yearning of our Holy Father and so many prayers offered for this purpose cannot be useless, and God can raise out of stones faithful children of Israel.

Moreover, that natural inconstancy found in all natives in the first generation of their conversion, by which they so easily forget their promises and change their religious views without remorse, ought not to deter us from encouraging these gen-

erous aspirations. For our Eskimos, with probably few exceptions, are not converts from paganism; they are and have been Christians for several generations, and not only Christians, but they have in good faith been partaking of the Sacraments of the Church of Christ, the Russians have familiarized them with the main teachings of our Divine Lord, and instilled into their minds a tender devotion to Our Blessed Mother. These boys give evidence of solid piety and real humility which shows itself by perfect obedience, charity and a willingness to undertake the meanest jobs around the place. With the reception of daily Communion it is to be hoped that they will develop a solid spirit of self denial and love of souls, and under the care of a spiritual father who will take an interest in their interior life and help them to overcome their daily difficulties there is no reason why they could not make a fervent novitiate and remain good religious. If God so wills they would be a wonderful help to our poor Alaska Missions.

Thank God, the station at Pimute, twenty-nine miles below Holy Cross, has been re-opened and Father Cunningham in charge. Father Robaut opened this place in 1913 and though only a year there had trained these people very well and made them good, pious Christians. But he was called away and the place visited once a month from Holy Cross. Lack of missionaries forced this step, and the poor Indians were slipping away for want of more frequent and steady attention and teaching. Father has opened a day-school there with one of our ex-pupils in charge, and is doing his best for the natives through an interpreter until he thoroughly masters the language. Meanwhile, Father Superior is trying to get the Sisters of St. Ann to take over the school. The chapel, school room and priests' quarters are already provided and the Sisters' house will be in readiness for the opening of school in September.

Do not forget to pray for our poor Eskimos.

Devotedly in Christ,
C. ROSSI, S. J.

By the time this letter reached Mt. St. Michael's good Father Rossi had been called to his reward. He was carried off by pneumonia on March 18. May he rest in peace.

Father Delon is out with his dog team on a tedious trip of seven hundred miles.

OBITUARY

Father Rossi, already a priest, entered the Society in 1890 from the Seminary in Genoa, where he was professor and counted among his pupils several future bishops who ever after preserved a grateful memory of him. Though an eminent classical scholar he taught only the lower classes in the Society and was remarkable for his great diligence and humility. During those years his zeal and charity were also exercised in the hospitals of Cuneo and Genoa where his visits were anxiously awaited as a "ray from Heaven."

Hearing of Alaska through the widely reported "Klondike rush" and fired wih zeal for the salvation of the poor Eskimos, he begged to be sent there. His desire was granted and in the summer of 1899 he came to Gonzaga to get a working knowledge of the English language. Next year he set out for the north, remaining for some time at Holy Cross before moving on to Nulato where he labored almost the rest of his days.

The realization of actual conditions in Alaska caused him bitter disappointment on his arrival there, as he had imagined a land teeming with villages and teepees; yet he set to study the language with indomitable courage and gave himself heart and soul to the welfare of the natives scattered far and wide throughout the Yukon Delta. On two occasions especially he showed his great zeal and charity; during the epidemics of 1900 and of 1919, ministering indefatigably to the stricken victims, and piously burying the dead.

Last year he was invited to return to the States for the treatment of a leg that was causing him considerable pain but he preferred to remain in harness until the end. In fact, a month before he died he journeyed to a village called Benazilla and remained there a couple of weeks instructing the natives. Worn out by labors and penances he contracted pneumonia and died piously at Holy Cross on March 18, at the age of 71.

He was a man of intense spirit of

prayer which formed the perennial breath of his pious soul; he seemed ecstatic at the altar and often also during the day when he unconsciously gave vent to his inner feelings through his accustomed ejaculation: "O, Gesu mio! Gesu mio!"

May he rest in peace.

VARIA

Bishop Diaz, interviewed in New York, has no bitterness against President Calles and the Mexican government. "I am a priest of the Church," he said, "We are not bitter, we merely want our rights. This fight against the Church is a great step backwards and is halting the progress of the nation; as usual, the Church will win." * * * "I know positively that no Bishop is leading a revolution in Mexico." * * * "If the United States declared war on Mexico because of the oil issue, the Church in Mexico would try to arbitrate the matter."

Chas. S. Lusk, for 53 years secretary of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Washington, D. C., in recognition of his devoted service, has been created by the Holy Father Chamberlain of the Cape and Sword.

Fr. Wm. Rigge, Creighton's well-known astromer, died on March 31.

R. I. P.

About 70,000 Dutch Catholics took part in the silent night procession, in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, on Sunday night, March 27. The line of march through the streets of Amsterdam was but dimly lighted and show windows were left in the dark, so as to give the pious, silent followers of the Eucharistic King every facility to worship in deepest recollection.

Father Hagen, S. J., director of the Vatican Observatory, received, on his eightieth birthday, a special gold medal from His Holiness, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Theology from Muenster.

The Maryland Province has been presented with a very extensive mansion with twenty acres of park at Morristown, N. J., for a laymen's retreat house. The building was erected some years ago at a cost of over $300,000.

Archbishop Curley has openly condemned the "Catholic Foundation Plan" of Father O'Brien as un-Catholic and his hybrid prayer as blasphemous.

A novitiate for novices of the Greek Rite has been opened in Poland for candidates who belong to that rite. At present there are four scholastic novices and three lay-brothers.

During the Novena of Grace at St. Louis boxes for contributions to the missions were placed in the rear of the Church; and on the fifth and sixth days tactful pleas were made for the Jesuit Missions which netted 680 new subscribers.

The St. Louis High School Mission Unit has adopted the Bankipur Mission in India and recently sent $730.36 to encourage missionary enterprise.

The illustrated lecture on the Jesuit Martyrs of North America, presented in Denver four times during Mission Week by Regis College students, gained widespread recognition, and several invitations to repeat the lecture were received from pastors of the city.

Our parochial school at Mankato, Minn., was completely destroyed by fire on the night of March 24, at a loss of $200,000. Next day the Mankato Board of Education and the Episcopalian Rector offered the use of public school classrooms and church parish rooms as temporary quarters for the parochial school.

Over 20,000 made the Novena of Grace at our church in Baltimore, there were 26 services daily; St. Francis Xavier's, New York, carried eleven services daily; and St. Louis eight services with a daily total of 8000.

The world's largest contribution to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith during 1926 was made by the Philadelphia Catholics; the sum amounted to $240,167.45; the total contributed during the same year by the Catholics of the United States was $5,500,000.00.